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HB 594

Amendments to House Bill No. 594
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Requested by Representative Art Wittich

For the House State Administration Committee

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1. Page 1, line 15.
Following: "law;"
Insert: "and"

2. Page 1, line 18 through line 22.
Strike: subsection (2) through subsection (3) in their entirety
Insert: "(2) (a) If a party against whom a complaint is filed
    believes that the complaint is frivolous, the party may
    request that the commissioner examine the complaint and fine
    the complainant.
        (b) On receiving a request under subsection (2)(a),
the commissioner shall notify the complainant of the request,
review the complaint, and issue an initial opinion about whether
the complaint violates one or more provision of subsection (1).
    (c) If the commissioner believes that the complaint does
violate one or more provisions of subsection (1), the
commissioner shall notify the complainant of the commissioner's
initial opinion and of the complainant's options under subsection
(2)(d).
        (d) On receiving the notification under subsection (2)(c),
the complainant may either withdraw the complaint or request that
the commissioner hold a hearing so that the complainant may
respond to the allegations.
        (e) If the complainant does not withdraw the complaint and
requests a hearing, the commissioner shall hold a hearing that
allows the complainant to respond to the allegations.
    (3) If, after the complainant has had a reasonable
opportunity to withdraw the complaint or respond at a hearing,
the commissioner shall issue a finding articulating whether or
not there is a specific factual basis for concluding that the
complainant violated a provision of subsection (1)and a fine is
warranted. If the commissioner finds that a violation has
occurred and a fine is appropriate, the commissioner may impose a
fine that the commissioner determines is the minimum fine
necessary to adequately sanction the complainant. However, the
fine may not exceed a $250."

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